

DANIEL CANNON.

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Mr. TAPPAN, from the Committee of Claims, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Daniel Cannon "for remuneration for the loss of a vessel captured by the enemy in the war of 1812," have had the same under consideration, and report:

That the petitioner claims to have owned the schooner Red Bird, rating 35 tons, and then running on Lake Champlain during the year 1813. This vessel was engaged in lawful commerce, and was employed in transporting army supplies from Burlington to Plattsburg at the time of her capture by the enemy, to wit: on the 2d day of August, 1813, the master of the said schooner was required at Plattsburg to take on board two hogsheads of whiskey for the United States troops at Chary military station; that he was opposed to the risk for fear of encountering the enemy's vessels in that part of the lake. He however took the whiskey in charge, and in attempting to deliver it was captured by the enemy's sloops Growler and Eagle. He claims \$850 indemnity, but offers no evidence whatever to establish a single allegation in the petition.

Your committee do not believe that there would exist any valid claim against the government even if the allegations were proven, but, in the absence of all proof, report back the petition, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

